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SECRETARY ARDOIN PROVIDES CLARITY REGARDING MAYOR CANTRELL MISINFORMATION

BATON ROUGE, La. — "It is unfortunate that politicians like Mayor Cantrell and Councilwoman Moreno have responded to Hurricane Zeta by trying to score cheap political points instead of being part of any solution.

A Herculean effort to assess and restore all election infrastructure has been underway since the rain stopped falling and the wind stopped blowing, but Cantrell and Moreno have contributed nothing to that response effort. My office has worked closely with all levels of state and local government and the private sector. Our partners have been nothing short of heroic in their efforts to restore power and help deliver the vote to Louisianians.

As I said yesterday in an <u>update to the public</u>, all polling locations without power restoration will receive generators to operate Election Day equipment. Mayor Cantrell and Councilwoman Moreno are either tragically misinformed or maliciously attempting a Putinesque spread of misinformation.

The work to ensure every polling location has power continues at a fever pitch as Election Day approaches. We will continue to work with our partners who have chosen to roll up their sleeves and do the work that Louisianans expect."

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